

<b>STUDENT NAME:</b>	<b>UMASS GLOBAL ID NUMBER:</b>
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The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides federal funds to students who are completing or who plan to complete coursework that is required to begin a career in teaching, and who agree to serve as a full-time, high-need-field teacher in a low-income school for a minimum of four years. If teaching service is not completed within eight years, the grant is converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized loan that must be repaid with interest accruing from the date of disbursement. Once the TEACH Grant is converted into a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant. The TEACH Grant is essentially a loan forgiveness program.

**To be eligible for the TEACH Grant, you must meet the following criteria:**

- Have a qualifying GPA:
  - Transfer undergraduates must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 from all colleges attended.
  - First time graduate students must have a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.25 from all colleges attended.
  - Graduate students beyond the first year must have a minimum cumulative 3.25 GPA in graduate coursework.
- Enroll in a qualified UMass Global program (future academic program changes may result in loss of eligibility for the TEACH program)
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.25

**Steps to Apply for a TEACH Grant:**

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at FAFSA.gov
- Complete initial TEACH Grant Counseling on StudentLoans.gov
- Complete an Agreement to Serve (ATS) on StudentLoans.gov

**Indicate below all colleges and universities attended. Do not abbreviate. Official transcripts must be submitted to Admissions.**


**I am currently completing or planning to complete coursework and other requirements necessary to begin/continue a career in teaching in the following eligible program (check one):**

	Integrated Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies with Preliminary Multiple Subjects/2042 Credential		Master of Arts in Teaching, Single Subject Credential
	Master of Arts in Teaching, Special Education Credential (Moderate Support Needs or Extensive Support Needs)		Master of Arts in Teaching, Multiple Subject Credential

**Agreement and Understanding:**

**Check each item to confirm that you have read and understand each of the TEACH Grant policies**

	Each year that I am awarded the TEACH Grant, I understand I must complete the subsequent TEACH Counseling at studentloans.gov.
	Each year that I am awarded the TEACH Grant, I understand I must complete the Agreement to Serve (ATS) at studentloans.gov.
	I understand that I must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 and that subsequent disbursements will be made after my GPA is verified each trimester.
	I understand that if I am unable to meet the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (ATS), the grant will be converted to an unsubsidized loan with accrued interest from the date of disbursement.
	I understand that in order to keep the grant from becoming a loan, I must teach for four of the eight years following the completion of my program in a high-need subject area and in a low-income school. If I fail to meet this requirement, my grant will be converted to an unsubsidized loan with accrued interest from the date of disbursement.
	I understand that if I am awarded the TEACH Grant it may be necessary to reduce other government funded assistance.
	I understand I must complete TEACH Exit Counseling at StudentLoans.gov when I graduate, withdraw or cease half time enrollment.

**CERTIFICATION:** By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information on this form. I certify that all information on and submitted with this form is true and correct. I will provide any additional information requested by the UMass Global Financial Aid Office.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE